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CANADIAN NEWS.

Mystery About a Lately Purchased Yacht.

A FORTUNATE HEIR.

Arrest of an Agent—Cotton Dealers Meeting—Damage in the North-west by Hail Storms.

WINNIPEG COUNCIL REPORT.

The Chicago Tribune recently contained the following: A few days ago Wm. Ross, of Toronto, Canada, introduced himself to a Mr. Backus, traveling salesman for H. McAllister & Co. He told Backus that he was stocking a cattle ranch at Devil's Lake, Dak., and requested him to cash a check for $20 on the Stock Yards National Bank, in which he claimed to have a deposit of $5,000. Ross was introduced to the firm by Backus, and Mr. McAllister accommodated him by cashing the check. It is alleged that the same day Ross secured the cash for a similar check from another Chicago firm. The checks were refused at the Stock Yards Bank, as the bank knew no such man as Ross, and there was no money in the bank to his account. Ross has been arrested by detectives and held to the Criminal Court by Justice Kerston in $600 bonds, for obtaining money under false pretences.

A meeting of the cotton interest was held in the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, August 6th. The meeting was held, it is understood, in order to make arrangements with D. Morrice & Co., who obtained an extension last fall, concerning their third payment, which falls due on the 19th inst. To effect a reduction of the enormous stock now on hand, an arrangement has been made by which the Cornwall mill, employing some 400 hands, will close down for several months. The factory at St. Henri is now closed, and the Hudon mills at Hochelaga will still further curtail their production and the number of their hands.

An Ottawa dispatch says: No explanation has yet been offered concerning the yacht, purchased in the United States and brought here, upon which Government employees were at work for some time. One day last week the Customs Appraiser attempted to go on board the yacht but was promptly ordered off by the man in charge, an engineer of the Public Works Department. Some have asserted that this yacht has been presented by certain Lockport contractors to a certain Government official in return for his services in securing them a contract for the construction of Dominion dredges, tugs, and scows.

A Chicago man named Van Allen, representing himself to be a partner of a firm owning a saleable sewing machine attachment, has been arrested at Montreal. He had employed the prosecutor, W. S. Douglas, at $900 per year and a percentage to sell the attachment, and had received from Douglas a deposit of $290 toward the manufacture of the article in Canada. Douglas, becoming suspicious, wanted the money back and was refused, hence the arrest.

Mr. A. A. Aird, in his report to the Winnipeg council, showed that the total amount received by him as fines and costs, as police court clerk, from the beginning of the current year to the week ending August 2, amounted to $4,814.95. The highest amount received during any one week was between the 18th and 28th of May, when the amount reached $438.50, and the lowest from the 4th to the 10th of May, $15.60.

Messrs. Barber & Barber, architects, of Winnipeg, have instituted an action for libel against Mr. Palk and Mr. P. C. McIntyre, school trustees, on account of some remarks alleged to have been made by these gentlemen before the school board in connection with a school house, in course of erection, and which it is claimed reflect on the character of the architects.

Rev. T. D. Ethier, vicar of St. Bridge, Montreal, who arrived at Valleyfield on the 5th inst., on a visit, was drowned while bathing that afternoon. The body was found about half an hour afterwards. It is supposed that he took cramp. Two young boys with him could render no resistance.

Messrs. Kyle & Mustard, millers of Edmondville, recently purchased a quantity of fall wheat, of this year's growth, of the Scott variety, and grown on the farm of Mr. H. Colbert, Tuckersmith. The wheat weighed 62½ pounds to the bushel, and the yield was 40 bushels to the acre.

Mr. H. J. Kavanagh, of the Montreal bar, was committed for contempt of Court by P. M. Desnoyers. The lawyer had refused to prove the signature of his client, J. Gerhart, to an affidavit, on account of which the latter is being prosecuted for perjury.

Mr. L. W. H. Short, one of the pioneer farmers of Rapid City, received a few days ago a draft from England for $9000, as first instalment upon a fortune that has been left him.

Passengers complain that explosives are carried on board of the C. P. R. steamers on the lakes.

Thursday, 21st inst., will be Winnipeg's civic holiday.

A PRODUCE EXCHANGE JOKE.

Trying to Break Down the Self-Possession of the Crowd.

["Uncle Bill" in Chicago Herald.]

It was a wag of the produce exchange who the other day employed professional agencies to make a jocose effect on his fellow members. The exchange has a magnificent new building, but the business that they are doing in it this summer is unprecedented in dullness. However, they are not disposed to mope and pine. On the contrary, they are abnormally frisky. Practical jokes there reach a high degree of elaboration. The present fashion in this line is to do astonishing things with perfect gravity. If the joker can startle a knot of fellows by some outre feat he is delighted; but if the joked persons manage to maintain composure, thus seeming to be unconscious that anything funny is being done to them, the victory is conceded to belong to them. Now, there is a bar on the premises. There is going to be a fight about it, because some of the members object to a connection with the liquor traffic, even in the capacity of landlords, but as yet the bar-room remains, and it is by no means a lonesome apartment.

A humorous member of the exchange, who occupies one of the many offices in the building, was struck with an idea for a unique joke, and to realize it he hired four of the curiosities from a Bowery dime museum. At a time in the afternoon when leisure and thirst send many to the bar he sauntered in. He had placed his back lazily against the counter when a three-foot dwarf joined him. The two shook hands cordially, asked each other how they were, and fell into conversation. All eyes were fixed on the little man until a giant stalked in. This wasn't Chang, nor a Col. Goshen, but the kind of giant that comes at 10 cents, though not much less than seven feet high. He was greeted with warm cordiality, and the broker spoke to him of old times in Chicago.

"Let me introduce you to Maj. Barkins," he said.

The dwarf and giant gravely shook hands. Then two more strangers joined the group, and drinks were sociably ordered.

"How've you been, Bob?" said the broker, addressing one of the last comers.

"What?" and the man seized one of his ears and stretched it no less than four inches; "I'm a little deaf."

The question was repeated quietly, as though it was not unusual to have India rubber ears. The glasses were raised.

"Is this good whisky?" the elastic wonder from the museum inquired, pulling out the end of his nose and holding it over the tumbler.

"Looks first rate," said the fourth man, "here goes," and he placed his glass on the floor, bent backward until his lips reached it, and let the liquor drain into his mouth as he slowly regained his upright posture.

"Come up to my office and we'll finish that matter," said the broker, and he withdrew with his performers.

His effort had been a failure. At first it had looked as though the crowd would lose self-possession and roar at the grotesque sight; but, quickly divining the scheme, they had coolly and soberly paid no hilarious attention.

Not History Enough to Go Round.

[Washington Cor. Commercial Gazette.]

An obstacle has been met with which has checked the work upon the historic fresco designed to belt the rotunda of the capitol. "There is not history enough to go round," says the artist. The ideal scenes designed to represent the history of the New World from its discovery, begins over the west door with the landing of Columbus, and extends probably three-fourths the way round. The work, as has been the verdict of the throng of visitors to the capitol since it was begun by Brumidi a few years ago, is quite fine in an artistic point of view, the painting having the effect of bas-relief. Columbus grates upon the sand and America is discovered over the back door of the capitol. The Indian trades and Indian warfare; the struggle for independence from Lexington to Yorktown, and scenes from the Mexican war furnish subjects for the historic pencil.

Then comes a blank. The artist has laid aside his pencil and announced that he will not resume work until September or October. The trouble is here. They do not know what to do with the blank space. There is a missing link in history, and the blank is bewildering. Putting the last plume in the hemlet of his soldiers the artist drops his pencil and says in mixed Italian and English: "Used all the Indians; all the soldiers; what now?" and stops with his shoulders in his ears waiting for a suggestion. Here the matter rests. All the noble war history has been used up, and they don't know what to fill the space with. They do not want to draw from the war of the rebellion, as they deem it hardly in good taste to thus record internal triumphs. An emancipation panel was suggested, but there was some objection made to this also.

Architect Clark and Librarian Spofford put their heads together to try and create an idea for Costaggini to mould into a design. The result of their consultation was, that Mr. Clark told the artist he might, if he desired, suspend work for the summer. Three designs were mentioned, each of which raised the Italians shoulders nearer his ears, with an expression of blank disapproval. The first was to represent the discovery of gold in California. Then it was suggested that the artist test the power of his pencil to idealize the driving of the last spike in the Union Pacific railroad, or, as the artist expressed it, "Laying se corner-stone ov se railroad." And the proposition was to fill in the space with a tragic scene of the assassination of Lincoln and Garfield, but none of these could be agreed upon as suitable and in good taste.

How the Salt Glaze Was Discovered.

[Scientific American.]

In 1680, a very simple accident revealed to the English potters a secret which they ought to have learned long before from the Dutch wares imported into that country. A maid-servant at the farm of Mr. Yates, near Burslem, was preparing in an earthen vessel a salt lye for curing pork. During her temporary absence the liquid boiled over, the sides of the pot became quickly red hot, and when they again grew cold, were found to be covered with an excellent vitreous glaze. The circumstance attracted the attention of Mr. Yates, who related it to a neighboring potter who at once made use of the discovery and imparted it to others. The "salt glaze" soon to a great extent superseded the lead ore glaze hitherto in use, and was employed in the manufacture of "crouch ware," in which all ordinary articles of domestic use produced at Burslem were made.

A Studio Secret.

[Philadelphia Call.]

General Painter—They are not imaginary. All my acrobatic studies are from nature.

Critic—But that picture of a circus man standing on his head?

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The Straits cable having been repaired, and the line being up again near Seattle, THE TIMES is once more able to get its press report. It is about as difficult to run a daily paper without telegraphic news as it is without local intelligence. A complete newspaper must have both. Our readers will therefore welcome the regular report which again commenced coming to-day.

THE PUBLIC PRESS.

A free and enlightened people can enjoy no greater boon and no higher blessing than a thoroughly independent press. The newspaper whose highest aim, and constant efforts, directed towards the welfare, and best interests of the community, where its lot is cast, is honored by the respect of every right thinking person. No part of a country's noble institutions can be transmitted to posterity as her richest gift, equal to a pure and unsullied public press. While freedom of speech and liberty of opinion ought to be among the richest gems in a nations diadem, yet how often do we find them perverted by mercenary men and venal journals. The success of more fortunate rivals is marked by occasional petty acts of spiteful jealousy, and ill timed feelings of envy, through corrupt, selfish and unscrupulous journals, the proprietors of which hold a similar position to a community that a pirate does to commerce, or a highwaymen to the better class of society. The evil consequences of such, act like a blight, and a mildew, that dry up and paralyze the energies of the very people who have warmed them into life. Having no enterprise of their own, and lacking in journalistic ability, they are mere nonentities, occupying stations in life which they are totally unfitted to fill, and in which their teachings and their influence are alike, hurtful to the community in which they are permitted to vegetate. Having thus mistaken their mission, can it fall to the lot of men to be placed in positions more craven, and contemptably mean? These statements, unfortunately, are too true and a portion of the daily press of this city can place them at their own door. They would wilfully mislead the public by creating false impressions; in fact, they would descend to anything to gratify their own vile, and mercenary ends. Not the least distinguishing feature of these demoralizing and selfish institutions, is their brazen-faced hypocrisy. They try to act the bully on the one hand, while they crouch like slaves and mendicants on the other, and stoop to do the most menial work for hire. To such, freedom is synonymous with licentiousness; selfishness is their chief motive, while their every impulse and action is mercenary and mean.

ASSESSMENT OF THE CITY.

One contemporary, the Colonist, suggests the advisability of revising the city's assessment. We cordially endorse this recommendation. We understand no complete assessment has been made of this city for many years. To say the least, this is a strange way of conducting the affairs of the Corporation. Values must change yearly, and to assess property year after year, at the same rate, is smply the height af absurdity.

Victoria is now beyond the status of a country village. She is a city whose fame is a household word, the world over. When a village, we did as became a village, but now that we are a city, we must throw off our swaddlings, and improve the opportunity offered us. The city is growing rapidly. During the next year or two we expect to see her working greater wonders than ever. Property is increasing daily in value, and should be assessed according to any system. A random figure is adopted as a basis. If the adjoining property is improved by the erection of buildings, the unoccupied lot is increased in value so much, yet it is not raised in its assessment. In short, the property improved has to pay for such improvements—a system which is as unjust as it is antideluvian. There are many matters in connection with the working of a corporative system requiring attention, but the revision of our assessment is the one at present, above all others, demanding an immediate change, for we are aware of great irregularities in the present mode of assessing realties within the Corporation.

A FALSE RUMOR.

A foolish rumor has gained currency that it is the intention of the Canadian Pacific Railway to abandon Winnipeg, and make Selkirk its centre of business. There is not the first semblance of truth in the rumor. It may be that in the course of events the line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad from East Selkirk to Poplar Heights, some fourteen miles west of Winnipeg, will be made direct, instead of coming round by Winnipeg This will necessitate the erection of an expensive bridge at Selkirk, and the construction of about twenty miles of road-bed. It would save the triangular line, now used of coming by Winnipeg, and a shortening of the through line by some thirty miles. The company have millions now invested in Winnipeg, and there is not the most remote idea of any change being made.

TELEGRAPHIC.

The International Cricket Game at Portland.

ONTARIO'S GRAIN CROP.

Irving to Visit Montreal — Madame Patti's Divorce—Cholera News—Irish Troubles.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

The International Cricket Contest.

Special Dispatch to THE TIMES.

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—It is very hot and sultry here to-day. The cricket contest is being waged about four miles from the city, and the game is reported to be close and exciting, but no definite report is yet in. Quite an interest is taken in the game by sporting men.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Parliament was prorogued to-day with the usual ceremonies. The Queen in her speech said, "I sincerely regret that an important part of your labors failed to result in a legislative enactment. Friendly intercourse exists with all foreign powers. Diplomatic relations have been resumed with Mexico and the preliminary agreement for a treaty of commerce has been signed. I have to lament the failure of the conference to devise means to restore the finances of Egypt, which is so important to the we'l being and good order of the country. I shall continue to fulfill faithfully the duties growing out of the presence of my troops in the valley of the Nile. I trust that the special mission, which I have determined to send there, will materially aid me in considering what steps to adopt. I view with unabated satisfaction the diminution of agrarian crime in Ireland, and the substantial improvement of the people. I design at an early period to call your attention to the great subject of representation of the people. I rejoice to observe, amid numerous indications of interest in the subject, constant proofs of loyalty to the Throne, and respect for the law. These indications inspire me with full belief, that the great national aim will be pursued with order and moderation, and the best securities for such a settlement as may conduce to the happiness and liberties of the people and the strength of the Empire. The speech closes with thankfulness for the favorable season which is alleviating the pressure that has so long and seriously affected the agricultural industry."

ONTARIO'S GRAIN CROP.

TORONTO, Aug. 15.—According to a supplementary report of the Bureau of Industries' agent, the prospects of good grain crops in Ontario are assured. Fall wheat gave an average yield of 21½ bushels per acre; spring wheat, 18½ bushels per acre. The aggregate productions exceed those of that yea'rs harvest by ten and a half million bushels. Barley is a good crop in the southern counties, but northern and north-western are affected by drought. Grain though plump and heavy was damaged by rain in the last week of July. Oat crop accounts are much the same as for barley, but being two or three weeks later in ripening have been greatly benefited by July rains.

H. M. STANLEY'S VIEWS.

PARIS, Aug. 15.—Henry M. Stanley is now in this city. He declared that Congo, as a free state, would soon be recognized by the whole world. The State proposes to give open commerce to all nations, and expects to become a great federation of native chiefs, under the control of an European and American Commission. Stanley states that he will shortly visit London and convert the English, who now stand alone in opposition to his project. He praised De Brazza, the French explorer who, he said, was destined to render a great service to France.

THE CHOLERA RECORD.

PARIS, Aug. 15.—The cholera record during the last six hours at Toulon, three deaths, at Carcassone six deaths, sixteen fresh cases at Nimes, one death at Cettes and seven at Nogus.

THE LION ROARING.

LONDON, Aug 15.—A British gunboat has been ordered to Heligoland for the protection of English fisheries.

OUTBREAK IN RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 15.—It is announced that a serious anti-Jewish outbreak has taken place at Romnat. Ronne, governor of the province, has proceeded to the scene.

A HEAVY VOTE.

PARIS, Aug. 15.—The Senate, by 179 to 7, voted 5,000,000 francs to carry on operations in Madagascar.

MUST NOT MEET.

BERNE, Aug. 15.—The executive council proposes absolutely to prohibit the meeting of the Salvation Army.

POWDER MILL EXPLOSION.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 15.—A powder mill at Kazan exploded yesterday and ten persons were killed and five buildings were burned.

IRISH TROUBLES.

DUBLIN, Aug. 15.—Arch-Bishop Tuam, to whom informer Casey made confession, has written Earl Spencer, Lord-Lieut. He requested the authorities to make a sworn inquiry into Casey's statement. He says that Casey declares, that the reason why he had not spoken before, was because he waited for a visitation from the Arch-Bishop, when he hoped to receive the Church pardon. He was willing to suffer, in the interest of justice, pain and even death, for swearing away an innocent life. A magistrate and an inspector are now making inquiries at Maamatroona. It is reported that Casey and his brother-in-law, Phillim, were in receipt of government allowance which stopped shortly before the confession.

PARIS, Aug. 15.—The Advocate for Madame Patti presented a petition today for a divorce from her husband, Marquis Decaux. The balance of opinion expressed by the bar is, the Court refuses to grant the divorce on the ground that the law reserves the right of divorce to such applicants as have received injury in marriage relation. An application for divorce was also filed yesterday by Duc De Beauffemont. The ground on which this is based, is alleged rumors of extravagance of his wife.

IRVING TO VISIT MONTREAL.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Henry Irving, Ellen Terry and fifty others, of the Lyceum Theatre, sail for Montreal, Sept. 18th.

ARREST OF FRENCH OFFICERS.

BERLIN, Aug. 15.—Two men, believed to be French officers, were arrested at Coblentz, while engaged in sketching the fortifications.

SHIPPING NEWS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Arrived, City of Richmond.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Arrived, Servia.

NEW TO-DAY.

Climax Washing Powder, used in every family. Give it a trial.

Pure wines, pure liquors and pure brandies at Fell & Co.'s.

The best place to buy your groceries is at Fell & Co.'s, Fort street.

The old established grocery house of Fell & Co. sell at bed rock prices.

WIG MAKING.—All kinds of ladies' hair work done to order; faded switches dyed equal to new. Mrs. Dupont, Fort and Blanchard streets, P. O. Box 122.

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TO LET—A nicely furnished room in a private family. Address TIMES office.

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WANTED.—By a gentleman having spare time, a set of books to keep or accounts to make up. Address W. H., Times office.

WANTED, the public to know that bargains in Real Estate are offered by W. H. Mason, Government street, near the postoffice.

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ALL KINDS OF
Fresh and Salt Water Fish.
VEGETABLES, FRUIT,
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ALL OF THE BEST QUALITY.
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NEW WESTMINSTER,
Under the Present Management has become Very Popular.
The comfort of guests is closely watched. The table is supplied with the best in market. The bar has the finest of wines and liquors and the charges are moderate.
JOHN CARTWRIGHT, Proprietor.
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THE GLOBE HOUSE,
IN FULL BLAST,
WILLIAM RAE has pleasure in stating that he has returned to his former stand, which will be known as
THE GLOBE HOUSE,
He will keep a fine assortment of
DRY, FANCY AND MILLINERY GOODS, ALSO
Groceries of All Kinds.
Crockery, Glassware and a Complete stock of Gents' and Boys' Clothing.
New Brick Block, Columbia Street, NEW WESTMINSTER
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Tombstones and Burial Slabs.
THOMAS STOREY,
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Iron and Wood Enclosures Furnished.
Cor. Government and Broughton Sts.

NOTICE
Is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of lands and work for permission to purchase 40 acres of land more or less, on Valdies Island, known as Rebecca Spitt, including all the land north of the Indian Reserve at head of Drew's Harbor contained in said spitt.
July 18th, 1884. JAMES E. MILLER. 60t

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HOWSE & RICKMAN
HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS to sell (by private sale) the nucleus of
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The splendid settlements of Chilliwhack, Sumass, Matsqui and the large Agricultural District in rear of the Mission which is being rapidly taken up by bona fide settlers, will supply the long felt need of a centre of business. As a
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It is unequalled in the Fraser Valley; its gradual slope from the noble Fraser enables it to command most enchanting views of Mount Baker, the Silver Mountain at Hope, and all the prominent points in the district. Beautiful gardens may be formed from those which were the gardens and orchards of the Mission, now moved to the plateau above, where the handsome new buildings are being constructed.
TWO-THIRDS OF THE LOTS ARE CLEARED AND THE BALANCE ARE LIGHTLY TIMBERED.
PLANS AND PRICE LIST may be seen at the office of the undersigned, where all particulars may be ascertained.
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THE
THIRTY DAYS SALE!
CLOSES POSITIVELY
Saturday, August 16th
VICTORIA HOUSE,
GOVERNMENT STREET.
The undersigned is adding another story to his building, and is about to make extensive alterations on the ground floor, in consequence of which the whole of the large stock of Dry Goods is offerered at
Cost Price For Cash!
WM. DENNY,
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Graving Dock,
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SEALED TENDERS ADDRESSED TO THE UNdersigned and endorsed "Tenders for Graving Dock, B. C.," will be received at this office until SATURDAY, 20th September next, 1884, inclusively for the construction and completion of the partially finished
Graving Dock at Esquimalt Harbor, British Columbia.
According to plans and specifications to be seen on and after Monday, 1st September next, at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, and on application to the Hon. J. W. Trutch, Victoria, B. C.
Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied and prices affixed to the whole of the items stated therein, and signed with their actual signatures.
Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque for the sum of $7,500.00, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted, the cheque will be returned.
The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender. By order,
F. H. ENNIS, Secretary.
Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 8th August, 1884. au11

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THIS COMPANY HAS BEEN FORMED for the purpose of transacting
General Hauling and Draying Business in Victoria and Vicinity.
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A Removal
Mrs. Gerow has removed to the second door on Douglas street from Kane street. Business hours from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. aug6-1m

LOCAL NEWS.

Mining Engineer Wingate on Island Coal Mines.

TO-MORROW'S ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Straits Cable Her Thirty-third Cruise—Lost Her Jib Boom—Drowned.

CANADIAN PACIFIC TERMINUS.

Dame Rumor's Pipe.

The prattling gossip which the Colonist says it plucked "from the wings of rumor," was most swiftly blown to the world with its own surmises, jealousies and conjectures. It scarcely heard it, till it told it over again, but with additions given as something new. The whole rumor, last and first, was incorrect, however, as the gentlemen referred to have no more pecuniary interest in THE TIMES than has Honest John Robson or his confrere, the Editor of the Colonist, though such has been rumored too. Flying rumors gather as they go. If THE TIMES saw fit to repeat the stories which emanate from naughty Dame Rumor's tongue, (confidentially,) it could repeat many a strange story that better were untold about the Colonist. Mind your own business, improve as a newspaper, and dinna fash wi things ye ken naething about. Pluck the beam from the Colonist's eye, ere, attempting to take the mote from the eye of a neighbor, and folks will like you the better for it.

Skidegate Oil.

The steamer Skidegate, the property of the Skidegate Oil Company, whose works are located on Graham Island, arrived here yesterday. Mr. William Sterling, one of the principal shareholders, was on board. The steamer brought down 2,500 gallons of oil in cases and one bale of furs. About 40,000 gallons of oil have been manufactured this year. Colonel Crittenden, who has been engaged in making a survey of Queen Charlotte Island, has been unable to attend to his work for some time, but having recovered he took passage on board the Princess Louise last week for Masset, a trading post at the north of Graham Island. Matters have been very quiet in that locality this season. The weather has been generally fine, but there has been some heavy rains.

Matters at Nicola.

It is stated that the weather is very hot at Nicola, but it is very good for the hay, as the crop has been cured without a drop of rain. The fall wheat is being cut in fine condition, the spring wheat is full and the oats are excellent. There was a heavy thunder storm, at the foot of the lake, on 27th ult., which filled the slough with water, carrying away some fencing and damaging some of the hay; the ranges never looked better for fall feed. There is a good deal of travel over the Hope trail, in the Kamloops direction. An Indian has lately come down from Mammoth Lake, with a summons for the doctor to go to Mr. John Reay, a brother of Mrs. J. Guichon, who has had a kick from a horse in the bowels.

Drowned in the Kootenay River.

On the 19th of July Judson Bartlett and James Bracken were drowned in the rapids of the Kootenay river, eighteen miles above its mouth. There were three in the party. The survivor is Geo. Dean, at present in the employ of S. O. Brown, Chief Engineer of the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Transportation Company. They had built a canoe at Bonner's Ferry, and were prospecting for gold placers. Bracken was an old man, said to have lived in California for twenty years, and to have relatives in Wisconsin. Bartlett was a deserter from the United States army—either from Fort Keogh or Coeur d'Alene.

Ball at the Executive Mansion.

Last evening the commodious residence of Lieutenant-Governor Cornwall was filled with from two hundred to three hundred guests, who assembled to participate in a ball and banquet given by his excellency, Mrs. Cornwall and daughters. The guests comprised many of the most prominent personages of Victoria, Seattle, and other coast cities. The list is however, much to long to be here produced. Suffice it to say therefore, that a more enjoyable event has rarely been participated in this city. The festivities were continued until an early hour this morning.

In that Bright Lexicon.

Says the Winnipeg Sun: It is a noteworthy fact that no member of the gang of political contractor that haunts Ottawa has tendered for a contract for the heavy work in the Rocky Mountains. One mile there will cost $300,000 while the average from the Summit to Kamloops will probably not be less than $60,000 per mile. The secret doubtless is that in the bright lexicon of the Canadian Pacific people there is no such word as "extras" or remeasurement" and that political services count for nothing in the engineer's estimates.

Her Thirty-Third Cruise.

The bark Princess Royal last night pulled up to Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf, and this morning removed to the dock of the Hudson Bay Company, where she commenced discharging her general cargo. This is said to be the thirty-third trip of the Princess Royal from London to this port, she having begun in very early times, and made one trip per year ever since.

Carried Away Her Jib Boom.

On Wednesday evening the steamer Western Slope, while making a quick turn in James Bay, in the immediate locality of the bark Harvest Home, unfortunately came so near as to carry away the jib boom of the latter. There was quite a crash, and spectators for a time thought the collision had resulted far more disastrously to the bark.

Tourists Increasing.

The cheap passenger fares from Tacoma and Seattle to Victoria have caused an increased number of tourists to visit the city during the past few days. The hotels are all filled with professional and business men, and their families, all of whom are here from other points on a vacation. The cheap rates ought to last. They will be a benefit alike to those who travel and those who stay at home.

Police Court.

Andrew Horseley, on remand from yesterday, did not appear in police court today, and his bail was declared estreated. George Montobio's case, for breach of building by-law, was postponed till Friday next.

PORT MOODY.

A Good Town Site and a Fine Location for Terminal Purposes.

A visit to this point of interest which has recently attracted so much attention here, as elsewhere, and has caused some considerable discussion, too, regarding its chances and merits as a railroad terminus, discloses this fact: It is an entirely different kind of place from what people have been led to suppose it to be from mere hearsay. Whether it should, may, or may not become the final terminal point, forms no part of the writer's intention to show. On approaching it, however, from New Westminster, one cannot but be gratified at the whole scene that is presented. Instead of abrupt mountains descending with considerable steepness to the water's edge, the hills descend with a long, easy grade. The impression that there is a scarcity of land for terminal purposes, or for building a large city upon, soon disappears after taking a survey of the thousands of acres that lie ready to be made available for either use. Besides there being ample room for side tracts, depots, sheds, etc., etc., there is enough land on the gentle slopes on which to build a city as large as Liverpool and Glasgow together, and thousands of acres besides can be utilized for placing a Manchester and a Paisley by the side of them. Instead of a jumping off point, large areas can be seen, which have only a good drainage slope of not over from one to one-and-a-half feet to the one hundred. While it is not intended to draw invidious comparisons, yet, doubtless, many others are of the opinion the writer entertained before visiting this point. It really presents facilities for terminal purposes, that seem hard to gainsay, with ample room for shipping, and plenty of deep water; there certainly is abundance of land in every direction and for every purpose. Besides the high and dry land on "terra firma," there are 400 acres of flats, over which the tide ebbs and flows, that can be utilized, or sold, in time for $10,000,000 or $12,000,000. The townsite can easily be drained, and there is an abundance of clear, cold water to be found, both being great advantages to a new community. Either side of the harbor can be reached without a bridge or a ferry, and the location has all those natural advantages for which other leading railways have spent millions of dollars in making sanitariums, places of resort for tourists and those in search of health. Here the scenery is very beautiful, the climate is balmy, mild and salubrious, and there is fine salt water bathing, which can here be enjoyed to its fullest extent. Taking it all in all, this point is admirably adapted for the terminus of a great railway system, and for the site of a large and important mercantile metropolis. There are several good hotels, prominent among which is the Caledonia, which has a fine livery stable attached, J. T. Scott, manager. The Elgin House is another good hotel, W. Insely, proprietor, and there are some others. Business of different kinds is fairly represented, and there are several new houses in course of construction. Armstrong & Burr have a saw mill, with a capacity of 15,000 feet daily, and J. B. Tiffin has a shingle mill, having a capacity of 35,000 to 40,000 per day.

THE SHOOTING TO-DAY.

The Record at Beacon Hill of the Provincial Rifle Club.

The third day of the target shooting of the members of the British Columbia Rifle Club, opened clear, warm and bright. The usual number of people was in attendance, both before and after noon. The following is a list of the prize winners:

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MEDALS.

For highest individual scores at 500 and 600 yards in competition 3, 5, and 6.

	SCORE.
Silver Medal, Capt. Wolfenden	97
Bronze Medal, Private Trapp	78

ASSOCIATION MATCH.

	SCORE.
Capt. Fletcher	45
Mr. Jas. Wilson	40
Mr. H. S. Roebuck	35
Capt. Prior	31
Gunner Jackson	31
Capt. Wolfenden	30
Lieut. McColl	30
Sergt. Eales	29

LAURIE BUGLE MATCH,

Competed for by teams of ten members of the active militia, selected respectively from Victoria and New Westminster. Ranges, 200, 400 and 600 yards:

NEW WESTMINSTER TEAM.

	Score.
Capt. Peele	40
Ass't Sergt. Trew	49
Lieut. McColl	55
Sergt. Kennedy	37
Sergt. Scoullar	45
Lieut. McNaughten	40
Private Trapp	41
James Mowatt	30
Private Homer	43
Gunner Jackson	42
Total	422

VICTORIA TEAM.

Capt. Wolfenden	39
Capt. Jones	60
Capt. Prior	25
Capt. Green	43
Lieut. Wollacott	55
Sergt. Cox	25
Gunner Spates	32
Gunner Griffiths	37
Private Roper	25
Gunner Weldon	34
Total	373

PERSONAL.

Jas. Ratchford, of Kamloops, is at the Oriental.

Geo. F. Wells Esq., of Portland, the owner of considerable real estate at Port Moody, where he has been for the past week or more, returned to this city last evening.

Mrs. S. Frauenthal, of Seattle, has been sojourning in this city for the past few days, as the guest of Mrs. G. Oppenheimer. She returns to Seattle in a few days, highly satisfied with her visit to the queen city of the Pacific.

VICTORIA MARINE NOTES.

The U. S. Revenue Cutter, Richard Rush, arrived in Victoria harbor last night, and this morning steamed off for other sections.

The steamer Woodside, from Sooke, has arrived, lumber laden.

The American bark Wildwood was at Hong Kong, July 12th, bound for Victoria.

Passengers Per North Pacific.

The steamer North Pacific arrived at 3 p. m., with the following passengers: W Richards, M McBeth, J M Martin, J Miller, F Brierly and wife, J S Crane and wife, Mrs McMullen, T Scott, P Fellows, W Leslie and wife, T D Merrill, P Weiss, F Cobletz, R H Lee, D Moffatt, G W Lewis, T N Innis, J Carter, J G Halpenny, G Campbell, O E Skiff, P Summerfield, W M Learned, four Chinese.

THE COMOX COAL FIELDS.

Number of Veins, Width and Character of Coal—Interview With the Discoverer of the South Wellington Measures.

Robt. Wingate, discoverer of the Independence coal mine, Contra Costa county, California, the South Prairie mines, of the Puyallup valley, the Coos Bay measures, of Oregon, and the famous South Wellington mines, of this Province, is in the city on more mining business. His arrival here was noticed on Wednesday evening. This morning a TIMES representative met him at his quarters at the Drard, and knowing that the people of British Columbia were especially interested in the development of their own coal mines, asked Mr. Wingate for specific information regarding his Comox property. Many outside readers of THE TIMES should be informed herewith that Comox is situated about 140 miles from the capital of the Province, on the upper portion of Vancouver Island. Mr. Wingate said:

"Since you have made the inquiry, you might say that I am here on business tending toward the opening of the Perseverence Company's mines at Comox. Just when we shall begin to work steadily, I cannot now say, but it will be before long, and we will employ a pretty good force of men. Myself, and those who are associated with me, own 1000 acres of the Comox coal lands. The Wellington mines, long as they have been worked, and great as the output has been, consist of but 200 acres. Their development in all the years of the past, has been confined to this tract. I discovered and sold these mines to Mr. Dunsmuir and associates. I also opened up the South Prairie mines, those of Contra Costa County, Cal.; and Coos Bay, and in all my experience I must say I never saw such a good grade of coal, considering developments, as we have at Comox. This coal "will go

90 PER CENT TOTAL COMBUSTION,"

In the language of coal men, that is, 90 per cent of it will burn up. The combustion of the Wellington coal is 83¼ per cent, and that was, prior to the discovery of the Perseverence Company's property, far ahead of anything else on the North Pacific Coast."

"What is the thickness of your coal veins, Mr. Wingate, and what is the character of the coal from a geological standpoint?"

"There are seven or eight veins in the Comox series, and there is one of them that has a thickness of twenty-eight feet."

"You don't mean to say that you have a vein of that size of clean coal?" importuned the scribe.

"Yes, I do. We have a vein of that thickness, and it is the clear, clean thing. Why, Powell in his geological report, several years since, stated the width at this figure. I quote him. It is a fact. Concerning the coal geologically, it is nearly all—on this coast—bituminous. There may be a very little lignite, but there is no anthracite, and I seriously doubt whether there is any genuine lignite. Our coal at Comox outcrops at the surface. The veins dip to the northeast at an angle of only four or five degrees, affording just about the right incline for handling cars."

"What is your opinion as to the coal resources of Vancouver Island?"

"Good. There is coal all the way from Nanaimo to Comox. It has been discovered in several places, and it yet will be in others. The island is full of it. Her resources in this respect are great."

Mr. Wingate will leave on the outgoing steamer to-morrow for his home at Tacoma. He will return again in a short time.

The Victoria Weekly Times.

This morning THE WEEKY TIMES was circulated to its subscribers in this city, and at other Provincial and distant points. It is a model newspaper in its typographical execution, collection and condensation of news, and from an editorial standpoint. A very large amount of interesting information is given in its columns for all classes of readers. Those who are interested in the industrial, agricultural, shipping, mining and business progress of the city and Province will find it indespensible. It treats of an almost endless variety of topics, and will be found just the thing to send to friends who want information about the country. In it will be found the latest news, whether Canadian, local, or general. Championing the cause of the people and expressing the views of no clique or party, its opinions may be relied upon. But ten cents per copy, or $2 per year, is the price.

Chilliwhack Agricultural Fair.

The ninth annual exhibition of the Chilliwhack Agsicultural Society will be held on the 25th and 26th of September. Last year it was found that one day was not sufficient to do the exhibition justice, and the directors have decided this year to hold it two days. Outside of the provincial exhibition, the Columbian says it doubts if there is any agricultural display more worthy of notice than that of the Chilliwhack society. The region it represents is certainly one of the most important, and the quality of the exhibits is one of the best advertisements of the resources of this country. The aforesaid paper hopes there may be a larger attendance than ever at the approaching show, in which wish it is joined by this journal.

The Straits Cable.

The cause of the telegraphic trouble is thus explained by the Nanaimo Free Press: Since Wednesday last the cable across to Gabriola Island has been out of order. Mr. Callaghan attempted to repair it but failed. On Monday Mr. J. Wilson (Superintendent) and Mr. Carmichael proceeded to the cable in the steamer Sir James Douglas and took up the defective part. It is quite evident from the injuries apparent that the cable was struck by lightning during the late storm. It is now in working order, and Mr. Wilson proposes to put lightning arresters on each end of the cable, so as to prevent a recurrence.

A Victoria Pastor.

The Toronto Globe of the 5th says: A special meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto was held in Cooke's Church, Tuesday evening, for the induction of Rev. Donald Fraser, late of Mount Forest, into the pastorate of the Pandora Street Church, Victoria, British Columbia. Rev. J. M. Cameron presided. The Rev. J. Carmichael, of King, preached an excellent discourse from Psalms xl., 7-8 verses, after which Rev. J. Kirkpatrick delivered an address touching upon the ministerial duties of the reverend gentlemen who was being inducted.

Letters Held for Postage.

The following persons have letters awaiting them in the Victoria Post Office on which postage is due: Marshal Bray, Nanaimo; Dave Davis, Esquimalt; Mrs John Elliott, Victoria, B. C.; Miss Sally Holloway, New Westminster; Mrs J W Hennessy, New Westminster; Miss Constance Jones Wellington; G A McTavish, Saanich; H Simpson, Saanich; Captain Troup, Esquimalt.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Foot Race and Swimming Match.

At 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon Henry Creech and Thos. Watson will vie with each other at Beacon Hill in a half-mile foot race, for stakes of $200. Both young men are believed to be in good trim. A lively interest has been taken in the race, and no doubt a large crowd will be present to witness it. The grounds are smooth, and there will probably be a good deal of fun. The result of the race will be eagerly looked for.

The several swimmers mentioned in yesterday's TIMES, their friends and all others anxious to witness an interesting contest, will be found at the Gorge, at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, when some half dozen contestants will be seen. This is a sport that has lately interested a great many persons, who hitherto paid but little attention to it. The knowledge of how to swim well is a very pleasurable and useful acquirement, and more attention than usual ought to be accorded it. Like the foot race, mentioned herewith, the result will be looked forward to with interest.

The Commission.

Hon. Mr. Chapleau and Judge Gray started this morning for the mainland. They will visit New Westminster, Yale, Port Moody and other places to collect evidence. At the latter place the government steamer Sir James Douglas will meet and convey them to Nanaimo, where they will be on Wednesday next. On Thursday they will return to the city.

LOCAL NOTES.

The members of the Victoria Cricket Club who went to Portland to participate in the international match, are registerd at the Esmond, of Louis Eppinger.

A public meeting will be held to-night at Nanaimo to consider the Chinese question.

Temperance Meeting.

A temperance meeting will be held in Blue Ribbon Hall, Pandora street, to-morrow evening. Rev. Mr. Harris, of San Francisco, will address the meeting.

Very Rough on Rats.

The once beautiful wife of a well-known resident of Olympia has become a dark brown in color, and if she lives ten years longer she will become as black as a Lascar. There are a few old-timers like myself who can remember her fifteen years ago when she was as fair as a May rose, with a complexion that was like alabaster. In an evil hour she conceived that her beauty was waning, and so began to eat arsenic. She has kept on it this most pernicious habit until this unusually fatal drug has ceased to jeopardize her life. On a recent trip to Victoria on the old Eliza Anderson, two rats tackled her as she lay in her berth and gnawned off her toe-nails, and when she awoke she found the rodents lying dead beside her on the coverlet. This is a terrible condition for any woman (or any other man) to arrive at; and young women who aim to become professional beauties should beware of the use of this terrible drug. It is bad enough for a woman to lose her beauty, with the immediate prospect of becoming the shade of a Metlakatlah squaw. But it is infinitely worse for one to have a crowd of hoodlum boys standing on the sidewalk and shouting out "Rough on Rats" every time she goes out for a promenade.—Grizzly, in Sunday Oregonian.

Benefit to Mankind.

Dr. S. A. Morse and Prof. A. D. Flint, are meeting with unprecedented success in introducing their improved vaporizing inhaler. They have disposed of about seventy to our most prominent citizens, on the condition if they did not give satisfaction after using them one week to return the same to the office at the Grand Pacific Hotel, and money refunded. They have given satisfaction in every instance, and the demand is still increasing. The benefit of this inhaler is, that the medicated vapor can reach diseased parts, which without artificial appliance, could not be treated. It can therefore be readily perceived what great benefit in such diseases as catarrh, asthma, deafness, colds, sore throat, and bronchial affections, can be derived by the use of one of these instruments. The method of using them is very easily explained, and the professor gives several prescriptions with each inhaler. The cost is no more than for a prescription, while the benefit derived will exceed anything that science has yet produced. Trial and consultation free. Call and be convinced. Office, Grand Pacific Hotel. Hours: 8 to 11 a. m., 12 m. to 3 p. m., and 6 30 to 9 p. m.

True Manhood.

To-night Prof. McDonald will lecture to gentlemen only on true manhood. To-morrow night he gives his grand lecture on matrimony. After which he will mate off several young couples phrenologically.

Remember To-morrow.

To-morrow is the day of the great sale at the Victoria House. This is a cost price sale and should be taken advantage of.

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The Humble Records of Humble Lives—The End of Many of the World's Dramas—Mute, Inglorious Miltons.

For many days past I have been engaged superintending the erection of a vault and monument at the old churchyard of Mac-o-chee.

I call it old, for it was among the first, if not the first, God's acre dedicated to the white dead after the Indians left their graves, to vanish westwardly into tradition. I remember well an Indian burial-place that I often visited when a boy, under what is now a garden to the residence of Mr. John Nash, of Nadiland, not half a mile from this Catholic cemetery, in which I am preparing a place for my dead. The Indians were not given to monuments, and there was not much to indicate the graves, or the boundary of the lot. I remember well, traces of a trench that old George Martin, a pioneer much given to fishing on Sunday, and whisky at all times, told me contained the bodies of the warrior killed when the Mac-o-chee towns were surprised and burned by the white settlers from Kentucky.

I remember, too, the Indians themselves. A remnant of the Wyandotte tribe lingered about Upper Sandusky in my youthful days, and it was no uncommon event for a number of them to visit our settlement, offering skins and maple sugar for sale. A mingled feeling of fear and curiosity held me in their presence; and having heard very wild stories of their wars, in which Martin figured as a tremendous fellow, I hung about the copper-colored sons of the forest quite fascinated.

Cooper, the novelist, has fixed in the American mind an impossible Indian, and this silent, brave and intensely solemn creation will go down to future ages as the Indian our fathers persecuted and destroyed.

I have come, through much observation and a little thought, to regard national traits as superstitions. Mankind, in the main, is about the same the world over. It is an article set on end, with a turn for cooking and the capacity to laugh. Some cook better than others, and some laugh more readily and louder; but to deny a people a sense of humor, as Cooper did the Indian, is as absurd as making a wooden-headed saint out of Washington and a fiend incarnate out of Burr.

The Indians from Upper Sandusky, coming among us, turned the skins they had to sell into whisky, mainly, and became thereafter vociferously cheerful. In this condition they kicked their squaws, and got slashed over their heads with knives by those gentle beings, which treatment brought forth roars of laughter, which grew hysterical when a mother-in-law took a hand in the family disturbance.

There was among them one old Indian known as "Capten Johnny," who would have made a fortune as the clown of a circus. He had a way of hoisting his heel and kicking himself when disappointed or disgusted with himself, and saying with some emphasis and the gravest face: "Me dam."

The rough pioneers of the valley were fond of retailing old "Capten Johnny's jokes. One, I remember, quite illustrative of his solemn style, for the old fellow never laughed. He was quite struck with the intelligence exhibited by a bob-tailed pointer dog, owned by an officer. And the old "Capten" turning it over in his aboriginal mind, came to the conclusion that the dog's sagacity, so superior to the "Capten's" own hounds, came of the fact that his tail had been amputated. Tails, he thought, weakened the intellect. "Man got no tail—man see good—see afore, see 'hind, all good, when no drunk."

Having arrived at this sage conclusion, the next step was to try his theory on one of his own hounds. By shortening the tail, he thought to strengthen the canine intellect. To this end, he requested a woodman engaged in hewing a piece of timber, to hold across the log the tail of his hound while he cut off the appendage with a broad ax. As the heavy ax came over with a sweep, the woodman either alarmed or pretending to be, gave the poor dog a jerk, and Captain Johnny cut the poor animal in two. Dropping the ax, he exclaimed solemnly.

"Hip—by dam—two short a most," and went in pursuit of another.

To return from the dead and almost forgotten Indians to the buried whites, St. Elizabeth, of the Mac-o-chee, is a rude Catholic burying ground, holding the remains of, mostly poor folk—so poor that, were they not Catholics, there would be few reminders in the way of monuments, to keep the dead in memory. Two or three more pretentious structures tell of wealthy or well-to-do families, but the majority are of those in the humblest walks of life.

The place is exceedingly beautiful in its surroundings. Situated on one of the low, softly rounded and richly wooded hills that frame in the Mad River valley, far off to the west and south the eye takes in the wide stretch of fertile plains, with streams willow-fringed, and farm houses half hid in orchards, until, on the dim horizon, earth seems to melt into heaven. "A blue country," as Ruskin calls such, and as beautiful a specimen as I ever had the happiness to look upon. Off to the right one catches the gleam of the village spires that rise above the beautiful maple-shaded place, and I find myself weaving the sounds into the music of words:

And now, as in that far-off time,
The village sounds are dear;
The cry of children and the chime
Of bells break on the ear.
My playmates, then, are bearded men,
The men tread old, and slow,
Or sleep within God's silent glen
Where broods the long ago.

These, with the clip, clip of the workmen building in the warm spring sunlight a house for me and mine when we shall have passed away and left nothing but this vault and monument to hold our name in memory, make the voices of solitude.

How we cling to this hope of a memory. I wander, book in hand, among these graves, and note the humble records in humble lines. Born so and so—died so and so, and then a sentence from the Bible. That is all. Brief story of a busy life—a life full of hopes and fears, triumphs and disappointments. What comedies, what tragedies, with the whole world for a stage, have been enacted, for when a man is born the world begins, and when the man dies the world ends: and how important it all is—for each, in his own estimation, is a century a hub, as it were. He cannot realize that when, upon some very unpleasant proposition, assisted by a doctor, and wept over by three or four, he drops out of this life, his exit will scarcely be noticed, and all his affairs, to which he was so necessary, will go on as if he had never existed.

The last grand struggle for a memory is made in the cemetery. He, though dead, asserts himself above his grave. Here are the immortal stones, with names cut deep into them. Some are leaning over, moss covered and gray, as if in extreme old age—and others are down, as if fairly exhausted with holding up the legend of a name—and all scarcely legible. "Sacred to the memory of"—poor man, in all this wide world there is not one who remembers, or dimly remembering, cares for the departed, whose very bones are dust.

Gray tells us of the mute, inglorious Miltons, lost in his country churchyard. Is the Milton who was not mute, or Shakespeare, or Cæsar, or any of the world's great, any more fortunate in that respect than these humble toilers? I think not. Let us see.

In counting the past we fix in our minds a period, at which to begin—we start at the creation. Looking forward, we help ourselves to another date known as the day of judgment, when the world shall end. We ignore the awful truth, that before our date of beginning, back through the countless millions of ages, lies eternity, and before us, through the same countless ages going on, and on, and on forever, is the future. Here we are, then, unseen motes in the now, taking to ourselves an immortality of fame. Already, the blind Homer is fading in the dim distance, and the blind Milton diminishes with passing years. Shakespeare will follow, all glittering insects that flash for an instant in the sunlight, and then disappear forever.

What are crumbling monuments in the light of eternity? They seem solid and slow of decay to us, precisely as this atom of a world in the boundless space that stretches on and on without limit, with its countless worlds, seems to us a huge affair. It is not even as a grain of sand upon the shore.

It is well for us that we are not all Bob Ingersolls, and know too much, or rather think we know it all. We ate of the tree of knowledge, but neglected to steal from the tree of life. We lack the strength, then, to entertain our information. When a man crawls up beyond traditionary teachings to the edge of the world, and stares out upon blank, cold, unending space he is stricken with blindness or insanity. One cannot think truly of God and retain his reason, as he cannot see God and live, as the Bible tells us. Therefore is it that we take refuge in Christ; the sweet, loving, humble savior, and through his mercy enjoy our homes and accept our graves.

Sitting among these poor graves, with a cross over each, erected by loving hands, and covered by grass and ground ivy, watered by tears from broken hearts, I thought what a cruel ceremony was this burial of the dead, without the consolation Christ's religion gives. And how brutal are the men who go about striving to destroy this comfort.

It is, on this account, I have no patience with our Colonel Ingersoll. Of course, he is powerless among the better educated, the thoughtful minds that hold Christ's religion as not only perfect, but precious. It is with the ignorant, the poor, who have no opportunity for study, no time for thought, that the wrong is being done.

Through all time, the more fortunate class, the rich and well born, have had their religion born of the brain, rather cold and uncomfortable, but nevertheless a faith to lean upon. The great mass of earth's toilers had no such consolation until Christ appeared on earth, and he came the friend of the oppressed and downtrodden, the teacher of the great untaught.

Like Moses of old, he smote with his rod of truth the hard, flinty earth, and from its rocky heart sprang into light and life the waters of God's religion, not for the rich and well born, to fill their silver pitchers and relieve their delicate thirst, but to flow along in lowly places over the earth, where the poor and suffering may stoop and drink, and go their way strengthened and happy.

I heard Col. Ingersoll on one occasion, and I laughed, not so much at his humor, which is great, as at the man. To see a stout gentleman, in a swallow-tailed coat and white choker, prancing up and down a stage on a Sunday night, assailing Moses, struck me as extremely ludicrous. The theatre was crowded by, I should say, some two thousand men, and of the two thousand one solitary individual had read Moses, and that was the fleshy gentleman engaged in assailing him. I thought of Sidney Smith's irreverent man who spoke disrespectfully of the equator.

I never saw illustrated before the bold Christianity has taken on the popular mind. Col. Ingersoll could ridicule Moses, he could even express his doubts as to God, but a slight allusion to our Saviour was followed by a dead silence, that indicated that any attempt at ridicule or abuse in that direction would shock even this hardened, shallow, indifferent crowd. The friend of the poor, the afflicted and oppressed, who died teaching us that the road to heaven was through kindness to each other—"Glory to God on high and peace and good will to men on earth"—holds his own in the hearts of humanity, even in the hell of a theatre, with a theological end-man raising a laugh at the expense of Moses.

This gentleman claims to know all about everything, and yet, when on this occasion, he asked himself whether he believed in an existence after death he said he did not know. I do not claim to be clever, and never sought to instruct any one, and yet, had Col. Ingersoll been asked, "Do you believe you exist now?" he would have considered the questioner a fool. And yet, both beliefs rest on the same foundation. This thing we call "I," "me," "myself," that thinks, wills and remembers, believes, feels, knows that it exists. It feels, knows and believes that we existed yesterday and will exist to-morrow, and forever. It is as easy to make us comprehend annihilation as it is to convince us that we do not exist. I have heard divines spend hours, in far-fetched arguments and questionable facts, to prove the immortality of the soul, when each soul within hearing felt its existence, and could not, by any process of reasoning, be brought to comprehend non-existence—or annihilation.

Sitting alone amid these neglected graves of the poor, I read the great truth on every weather-stained, moss-obscured tombstone about me. The untaught toilers of the earth have put briefly and in quaint words their unshaken faith to record. In the Indian burying ground, not far off, is the same faith. And on no part of the earth can a man be found who is not born with that consciousness, that belief, in him. Why then waste time in proving a fact that only puzzles one when an attempt is make to disprove it.

Again, if this little life of ours here be all and end all of existence, death would be as easy and natural to us as sleep. But, as we are born into this world in a painful strife—we are born into that other existence in a struggle. Pain comes, and pain goes with us. There is no preparation we can make that will familiarize us with the dreaded change. The old man, with two-thirds of his physical being already buried, looks forward to interests in this life as keenly as the young.

All men are mortal save the man himself, says the poet. We never take death into our confidence. I look at the narrow cell in this vault I have selected for myself, and try to realize my mortal remains being shoved in and walled up, when the hand that writes this and the body I have so long regarded as "me" shall be left there, in darkness, to moulder in decay. But I cannot bring it home to a palpable, familiar sense. I know that in a brief period—Oh! so brief—I shall be taken down on some unpleasant medicated proposition, and get worse and weaker from day to day, when at last a cry of anguish will go up from the one dear being—the one, the only one in all this world who truly believes in me—and the neighbors will gather in and pull on long faces, with much seemly solemnity and no grief, and then follow the hearse, while talking of the weather and the crops, to this, my final home on earth. But I cannot make it familiar—nor pleasant.

This musing, in the still solitude of a neglected graveyard is all well enough, but for myself to afford food for worms and meditation is not so agreeable.

I was once making excellent time from Bull Pasture mountain, in Virginia, during the war, when we had been defeated by the Confederates, with the late Col. Crane, when that gallant officer turned to me and said:

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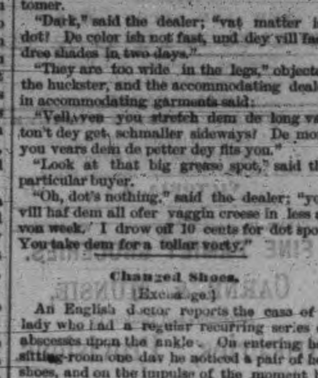

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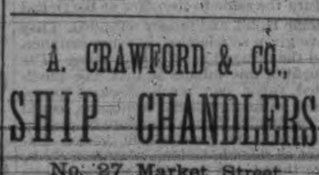

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